

SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF 2000
PUBLIC LAW 110-343
TITLE II PROJECT SUBMISSION FORM
USDA FOREST SERVICE

Name of Resource Advisory Committee: Olympic
Project Number (Assigned by Designated Federal Official):
Funding Fiscal Year(s): 2014

2. Project Name: Washington Conservation Corps	3a. State: Washington 3b. County(s): Clallam, Jefferson, Mason, Grays Harbor
4. Project Submitted By: Bob Metzger	5. Date: 3/25/2014
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8. Project Location: Forest-wide	
a. National Forest(s): Olympic NF	b. Forest Service District: Hood Canal RD Pacific RD
c. Location (Township-Range-Section) various, forest-wide	

9. Project Goals and Objectives: The WCC program provides crucial hand labor crews to accomplish watershed restoration, erosion control, fish and wildlife improvement, noxious weed control, road maintenance, orchard maintenance, and campground and trail maintenance projects. The program provides 18-25 year olds with opportunities to receive “hands on” training and experience in a wide variety of projects in an outdoor setting. Crew members receive formal training, wages, and opportunity for educational grant funding.
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10. Project Description: a. Brief: (<i>in one sentence</i>) Fund a WCC crew to provide hand labor for watershed restoration and recreation projects throughout the Forest. b. Detailed: The WA Dept. of Ecology and Olympic NF have partnered together to utilize Washington Conservation Corps crews on the Forest for over 20 years. The WCC program provides low cost, effective hand labor crews to accomplish key portions of watershed restoration, erosion control, fish and wildlife habitat improvement, noxious weed control, road maintenance, and recreation projects. The program also provides excellent opportunities for young adults to develop a good work ethic and work skills along with a paycheck. Graduates of the 12 month WCC program are eligible for additional educational grant funding through the Americorps program. Over 200 WCC members have graduated from this program on the Olympic NF. We are requesting funding to continue the WCC program on the Forest for another 12 month period from October 2014 through September 2015.
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Projects planned for 2014 and 2015 include erosion control, planting, and noxious weed control on recently decommissioned roads in the South Fork Skokomish and Calawah watersheds; invasive weed control on NF lands throughout the peninsula; wildlife habitat improvement; salmon carcass placement in the South Fork Skokomish; cleaning culverts on high-risk roads; updating road signs; and campground and trail maintenance throughout the Forest.

With a 40% match from the Department of Ecology, a six person WCC crew costs \$2810/working week. This is a multi-county proposal. Based on the amount of time needed to complete the proposed projects in each location, the current Title II requests for each county are as follows: Clallam (\$31,000), Jefferson (\$28,000), Mason (\$36,500), Grays Harbor (\$19,700).

11. Types of Lands Involved?

State/Private/Other lands involved? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Land Status:

If Yes, specify:

12. How does the proposed project meet purposes of the Legislation? (Check at least 1)

☒ Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure.

☒ Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems.

☒ Restores and improves land health.

☒ Restores water quality

13. Project Type

a. Check all that apply: (check at least 1)

☒ Road Maintenance

☒ Trail Maintenance

☒ Road Decommission/Obliteration

☐ Trail Obliteration

☒ Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify): Campground maintenance

☒ Soil Productivity Improvement

☒ Forest Health Improvement

☒ Watershed Restoration & Maintenance

☒ Wildlife Habitat Restoration

☒ Fish Habitat Restoration

☒ Control of Noxious Weeds

☒ Reestablish Native Species

☐ Fuels Management/Fire Prevention

☐ Implement CWPP Project

☐ Other Project Type (specify):

b. Primary Purpose (select only 1): Watershed Restoration & Recreation

14. Identify What the Project Will Accomplish

Miles of road maintained: 200

Miles of road decommissioned/obliterated:

Number of structures maintained/improved:
Acres of soil productivity improved: 10
Miles of stream/river restored/improved:
Miles of fish habitat restored/improved: 10
Acres of native species reestablished: 10
Miles of trail maintained: 50
Miles of trail obliterated:
Acres of forest health improved (including fuels reduction):
Acres of rangeland improved:
Acres of wildlife habitat restored/improved: 750
Acres of noxious weeds controlled: 250
Timber volume generated:
Jobs generated in full time equivalents (FTE) to nearest tenth. One FTE is 52 forty hour weeks: 7
People reached (for environmental education projects/fire prevention):
Direct economic activity benefit:
Other:

15. Estimated Project Start Date: 10/1/2014	16. Estimated Project Completion Date: 9/30/2015
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17. List known partnerships or collaborative opportunities.

A WCC crew is made up of six 18-25 year olds. This project will bring these youths into the woods to perform meaningful work and through the process increase their knowledge and awareness of the forests and resources around them. The work is often performed in conjunction with technical specialists and sometimes with volunteer groups.

The Department of Ecology provides a 40% match in funding for the crew. Americorps provides educational scholarship grants for crew members that complete the program.

18. Identify benefits to communities.

This project helps support communities through hiring, educating, and training local youth and providing scholarship opportunities for further education. The experience that crew members receive provides an excellent foundation for work ethics, resource management, and working with others on a variety of different projects.

19. How does the project benefit federal lands/resources?

The WCC project will help the Forest Service restore fish habitat and watershed conditions, improve wildlife habitat, control noxious weeds, and maintain campgrounds and trails.

20. What is the Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment? (check at least 1)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Workforce
<input type="checkbox"/> County Workforce	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers
<input type="checkbox"/> Grant	<input type="checkbox"/> Agreement
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Americorps	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YCC/CCC Crews
<input type="checkbox"/> Job Corps	<input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship Contract
<input type="checkbox"/> Merchantable Timber Pilot	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): Participating Agreement with Washington Dept of Ecology

21. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Materials? ☐ Yes ☒ No

22. Anticipated Project Costs	
a. Title II Funds Requested: \$115,200	
	<u>Total Funds Needed</u>
Clallam:	\$31,000
Jefferson:	\$28,000
Mason:	\$36,500
Grays Harbor:	\$19,700
<p>If full funding is not received, we would first attempt to supplement Title II funds with appropriated Forest Service funds. That would likely require some shifts in projects and locations. If it is not possible to fund a full 12 month agreement, we would use whatever funding was available to contract with WCC for higher priced spike crews and accomplish less work.</p>	
b. Is this a multi-year funding request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

23. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding:

Appropriated Forest Service funds will be used to pay for the Forest specialist time to line out projects and materials and supplies.

If full funding is not received, we would attempt to supplement Title II funds with appropriated Forest Service funds, if available. That would likely require some shifts in projects and locations.

24. Monitoring Plan (provide as attachment)

- a. Provide a plan that describes your process for tracking and explaining the effects of this project on your environmental and community goals outlined above.
- b. Identify who will conduct the monitoring: Technical specialists/ project leads for individual projects.
- c. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Worksheet 1, Item k): Monitoring costs are incorporated into Forest Service contributed funding.

25. Identify remedies for failure to comply with the terms of the agreement.

If project cannot be completed under the terms of this agreement:

☒ Unused funds will be returned to the RAC account.

☐ Other, please explain:

Project Recommended By:

/s/ (INSERT Signature)

Chairperson

Resource Advisory Committee

Project Approved By:

/s/ (INSERT Signature)

Forest Supervisor

National Forest

Project Cost Analysis Worksheet

Worksheet 1

Please submit this worksheet with your proposal

Item	<i>Column A</i> Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution	<i>Column B</i> Requested Title II Contribution	<i>Column C</i> Other Contributions	<i>Column D</i> Total Available Funds
a. Field Work & Site Surveys				
b. NEPA/CEQA				
c. ESA Consultation				
d. Permit Acquisition				
e. Project Design & Engineering				
f. Contract/Grant Preparation				
g. Contract/Grant Administration				
h. Contract/Grant Cost		115,200	84,800	200,000
i. Salaries	10,000			10,000
j. Materials & Supplies	5,000			5,000
k. Monitoring				
l. Other				
m. Project Sub-Total	15,000	115,200	84,800	215,000
n. Indirect Costs				
o. Total Cost Estimate	15,000	115,200	84,800	215,000

NOTES:

- a. Pre-NEPA Costs
- g. Includes Contracting/Grant Officer Representative (COR) costs. Excludes Contracting/Grant Officer costs.
- i. Cost of implementing project
- l. Examples include overhead charges from other partners, vehicles, equipment rentals, travel, etc.
- n. Contracting/Grant Officer costs, if needed, are included as part of Indirect Costs.

FY2014 Initial Proposal									
	Clallam		Jefferson		Mason		Grays Harbor		Work Weeks
Fish	2 week	Instream & riparian treatments			3 week	Carcass Placements			5
Planting/ Revegetation	1 week	Erosion control & reveg Calawah watershed	1 week	Misc erosion control	4 week	SF Skokomish Road Decom Reveg			6
Wildlife	2 week	Misc wildlife projects	1 week	Misc wildlife projects			1 week	Misc wildlife projects	4
Weeds	3 week	General noxious weed control	3 week	General noxious weed control	2 week	General noxious weed control	2 week	General noxious weed control	10
Recreation	1 week - east 1 week - west	Campground & Trail Maintenance	3 week	Campground & Trail Maintenance	2 week	Campground & Trail Maintenance	3 week	Campground & Trail Maintenance, Quinault Loop Trail	10
Roads	1 week		2 week		1 week		1 week		5
Orchard					1 week	Denny Ahl			1
TOTALS	11 weeks		10 weeks		13 weeks		7 weeks		41